

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2016:- The Second Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of Mattins this morning, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Luke 13: 31-35; Psalm:- No. 130**

### **SNOWDROP WALK, THIS AFTERNOON:**

**The second Snowdrop Walk is this afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00pm.** Even if you came last week, do bring friends and family to enjoy a walk among the snowdrops, returning to the church for homemade cakes and teas. Last week's Snowdrop Walk raised an amazing **£779.59** plus gift aid. Well done to all concerned and grateful thanks to our hosts David and Sally Duncombe.

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held on Monday afternoon, 22nd February at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group** is continuing to meet through Lent. The next meeting will be **this coming Thursday, 25th February at 30 Pound Hill – 2.30pm** for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome.

**THE LENT GROUPS continue this week.** There is a 5-session **Wednesday or Thursday midweek evening course held at venues across the benefice**, plus a day-time course at **Stoke Hammond on Tuesday afternoons**. All will be welcome to join in any of the sessions at any of the venues.

The course **“The Psalms – Prayers for Today's Church”** reflects on the psalms in general (and five psalms in particular). **The Psalm for this week's discussion is Psalm 130.**

**White fliers** giving full details of all the dates and venues of the Lent Course are available for collection from the bookcase, or download the information from the “Lent Courses” section of the website – address overleaf. Venues for this coming week:-

***Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening at Stoke Hammond***

## **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

### **COFFEE MORNING:**

The annual Coffee Morning was held yesterday in the church. This was an opportunity for us to say thank you to all those who support St Mary's, and to all who contribute their time on the various church rotas. If anyone else would like to be included on the rota for any of the tasks, please contact Phillipa Cook 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES:**

The formal wording for the Gift Aid declaration has changed. If anyone has any of the old version of the envelopes, could they please return them to the church so that they can be used as soon as possible. If anyone wishes to keep envelopes at home then do please take away some of the new version. (The wording for the new declaration is above the “Full Name” line, rather than at the bottom of the envelope as in the old version). It is important that we use up the old envelopes whilst they are still valid.

### **E-NEWSLETTER:**

The latest e-newsletter was sent out a fortnight ago, giving a summary of recent events held and details of upcoming events. If you would like to be included in the circulation list please send your e-mail address to Phillipa Cook:- [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY:**

There will be a **Family Service with Baptism here at 11.00am** led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Morning Worship at 9.00am

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